



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 547

February Session, 2004

* _____SB00547ENVJUD031604_____*

AN ACT CONCERNING FINES FOR BANNED INVASIVE PLANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of public act 03-136 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance adopted by a
4 municipality, no person shall import, [move,] sell, purchase, [possess]
5 transplant, cultivate or distribute any of the following invasive plants:
6 (1) Curly leaved Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*); (2) fanwort
7 (*Cabomba caroliniana*); (3) eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum*
8 *spicatum*); (4) variable water milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*);
9 (5) water chestnut (*Trapa natans*); (6) egeria (*Egeria densa*); and (7)
10 hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*). Any person who violates the provisions
11 of this subsection shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars per
12 plant.

13 (b) From June 26, 2003, until May 5, 2004, no municipality shall
14 adopt any ordinance regarding the retail sale or purchase of any
15 invasive plant.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2004 |

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